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Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

FAMILY GROCERS

WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS.

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.

At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

DRAPERY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Runholders, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes
Coffees, from the pure bean, ground on the premises
Cocoa, Chocolate, of the best brands
Sugars, crystals of every shade, and crushed loaf
Bacon, Cheese, Butter: weekly supplies from the best dairies
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles

TOBACCOES.

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior
Cameo's celebrated brands—Havelock, Golden Bar, Venus, etc.
Barrett's Twist, in quarter-herves and boxes.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Brandy: Hennessy's, Associated, Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case
Whiskies: Old Glenury, Islay, Longjohn's, in bulk and case
Rum: Lemon Hart's
Port: Fine old Offley's, six grape
Sherry: Gonzola, six diamond
Gin: JDKZ Geneva, Nectar, and Kummell
Old Tom: Burnett's, Bernard's
Claret: St. Julien's

IRONMONGERY STOCK

Blasting powder and fuse
Gunpowder, caps, and shot
Long and short handled shovels
Spades, sluice forks
Picks and pickhandles
Gold dishes, hose-pipes
Drills and drilling hammers
Manilla and flax ropes
White lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils
Galvanised and corrugated iron
Stoves and piping

CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.
HOLTS SEWING MACHINES, CABINET AND HAND.

DRAPERY AND CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Suits: silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac
Boys' do.
Trousers and Vests: Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed, doeskin
Shirts: white dress, crèmeans, Scotch twill, tweed
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool, merino, and cotton
Hosiery and hats

BOOTS & SHOES.

Boots: men's elastic-sides, watertights, half-Wellingtons; Hayward and North British Gum Boot
Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.

N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

CROCKERYWARE.

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete
Lamps: parlour, hanging, bracket

FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.

FANCY GOODS.

Electro-plated Britannia metal tea and coffee pots; meerschaum and briar pipes—a choice selection; patent medicines; stationery; perfumery.

COLONIAL PRODUCE: Wheat, Oats, Chaff, Pollard, and Potatoes.

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

SHERWOOD AND WRIGHT,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, AND
General Storekeepers

MELMORE STREET, CROMWELL.

Having most complete arrangements for the regular consignment of Goods suitable to the market, Sherwood and Wright have pleasure in intimating that they have now on hand, and constantly arriving, full supplies of

WINES, SPIRITS, PROVISIONS, AND

FAMILY GROCERIES

of the very best quality obtainable, and which will be found to compare most favorably as to price with those of any establishment on the Goldfields.

The Stock comprises every class of goods in above line, so that it is unnecessary to give a detailed list.

Messrs Sherwood and Wright have made arrangements for a constant supply of

FLOUR, BRAN, POLLARD, AND GENERAL PRODUCE

of the finest quality from the Wakatipu Mills. In this line the firm can offer special value.

GOODS DELIVERED TO ALL PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

FAMILIES REGULARLY WAITED UPON.

S. & W. desire specially to state that they have entered into arrangements for the regular supply to them of

DAIRY PRODUCE

from one of the finest farms on the Taieri, an advantage which they feel sure their customers will fully appreciate.

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I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

HAVE ON HAND

THE LARGEST AND BEST-SELECTED STOCK

OF ANY UP-COUNTRY STORE IN

DRAPERY, BOOTS, IRONMONGERY, CROCKERY

WINES and SPIRITS

SPECIAL ATTENTION DEVOTED TO

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING,

DIRECT FROM OUR OWN FACTORY.

A LARGE STOCK OF

FURNITURE AND BUILDING MATERIALS

ALWAYS ON HAND.

AGENTS FOR

Robertson & Hallenstein's Celebrated Silk-dressed Wakatip Flour.

A GOOD SUPPLY OF BRAN, POLLARD, AND PRODUCE OF ALL KINDS ALWAYS ON HAND

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.

W. TALBOYS'

REDUCED PRICE LIST OF

WINTER DRAPERY, CLOTHING &c

Winceys, 10d and 1s

Satin Cloths, new shades, 1s 6d

French Merinos, 2s, 2s 6d and 3s

All Wool Plaids, 2s 11d

Fancy Dress, 10s 6d, 12s 6d and 15s

Black Silks, 60s; Colored, 50s (the Dress)

Black and Colored Lustres, 11d and 1s 3d

Costume Cloths, 11d, 1s 3d and 1s 6d

Horrocks' Calico, 5s 9d per doz

Unbleached Calico, 5s 9d per doz

Real Welsh Flannel, 1s 3d and 1s 6d

Colored Flannels in Twill and Plain

White Blankets, 13s 6d per pair

Colored Blankets, 14s—large stock

Sheeting, 72in, 1s 6d

Turkish Towels, 12s per doz

Tweeds, 3s 6d, 4s 6d and 5s 6d

Carpets and Mattings, from 1s 4d

Men's, Youths' and Boys' Clothing in Colonial and English Tweeds and makes

Men's Suits, 37s 6d, 40s and 45s; Pagets, 50s

Trousers and Vests, 17s 6d, 22s 6d and 25s

Trousers, Tweed, 10s 6d, 12s 6d, and 15s

White and Colored Moles, three brown, 9s

Coats, splendid stock, new goods, from 17s 6d

Beaver Jackets, 16s 6d

Knit Drawers, 5s 6d, 7s 6d and 9s 6d

Serge Drawers, 7s 6d: Cotton, 3s

Shirts, job lot, at 4s 6d; Ormeau, 5s to 10s

Flannels, large sizes, 5s 6d; 6s 6d and 7s 6d

Boys' Knicker Suits, 10s 6d, 15s and 17s 6d

Youths' Suits, 25s, 30s, and 32s 6d

Men's White Embroidered Shirts

Gent's Scarfs in great variety

Large stock Felt Hats, 4s, 5s and 6s 6d

Bed Rugs, large size, 12s 6d

A Large and Varied Stock of New Goods in Ladies' and Children's Jackets, Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, Gloves, Scarfs, Lace Sets, Hosiery, Ribbons and Trimmings.

TALBOYS' CHEAP GROCERY QUOTATIONS

New Season Tea, (Boxes of 12lb), 23s

Cocoa (pound tins), 1s 6d

Muscats, 1s 2d per lb

Jordan Almonds, 2s 3d per lb

Elemes, 7d per lb

Lemon Peel, 1s 5d per lb

Two-crown Soap, 12s per box

Three-crown Soap, 14s per box

Dates, 10d per lb

Condensed milk, 1s

Kerosene (Noonday), 12s per tin.

Fresh Herrings, 8d per tin.

Lobsters, 11d per tin

Salmon, 11d per tin

Sardines (half-pound tins), 11d

Sardines (quarter-pound tins), 7d

Oysters, 8d per tin

Tainsh's Jams, 11d per tin

Figs, 1s per box

Preserved Fruits, 2s.

Pickles, 1s per bottle

Candles 11d per lb

ABOVE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH.

Men's Elastic Sides, Lace-ups and Watertights, Colonial Made, 14s 6d.

A large stock of Ladies' and Children's Kid Boots (Copper Toes), 4s 6d.

W. TALBOYS, LONDON HOUSE, CROMWELL.

Cromwell



The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Wardens' Courts for the combined Goldfields Districts of Dunstan and Wakatipu during the month of October, 1880:—

Friday, 1st—Cromwell
Monday, 4th—Clyde
Friday, 8th—Alexandra
Monday, 11th—Queenstown
Tuesday, 12th—Arrowtown
Friday, 15th—Cromwell
Monday, 18th—Clyde
Wednesday, 20th—Roxburgh
Monday, 25th—Queenstown
Tuesday, 26th—Arrowtown
Friday, 29th—Cromwell

JACKSON KEDDELL,

R.M. and Warden.

Cromwell, September 28, 1880.

M R SPENCE H. TURTON
BARRISTER,
SOLICITOR AND CONVEYANCER,
CROMWELL

(TWO DOORS BELOW GOODGER'S HOTEL).

Mr TURTON will visit Alexandra and Blacks every Court day, and Clyde when professionally required.

T H O M A S F O O T E,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER
MELMORE TERRACE,
C R O M W E L L.

Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand.

K. P R E T S C H,
CROMWELL,
COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,
PAPERHANGER, &c.

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper hangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting, Paperhanging, Decoration, and Sign Writing.

E M U R R E L L,
WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,
Has just received, per English Mail, another con-

sign of SILVER HUNTING LEVER WATCHES
especially made to suit the requirements of this district, he can with confidence recommend them to the public both as regards finish and accuracy of adjustment, and as Time-keepers not to be excelled in the colony.

E.M. has made arrangements for regular supplies, and as he buys for cash he is in a position to defy competition.

A Two Years' Guarantee given with every Watch.

INSPECTION INVITED.

Note the address—

E. MURRELL,
Watch and Clock Maker,
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

K A W A R A U C O A L P I T,
BANNOCKBURN.

JOHN PRYDE, Proprietor.

The Coal supplied from above Pit is recognised as the best yet vended in the district. It burns freely, and emits great heat. It is delivered at

Cromwell 24s per ton.
Bannockburn 20s do.
At Pit's mouth 12s do.

FULL WEIGHT GUARANTEED.

JOHN PRYDE,

Proprietor.

C O A L ! C O A L ! C O A L !
BEST QUALITY IN DISTRICT.

EDWARD M'NULTY, JUNR.,

Having opened the Coal-pit known as M'Laughlin's, and placed same in thorough working order, is prepared to sell this Superior Coal—which burns brightly in stove or grate—at the following prices:—

At Pit's mouth 12s per Ton.
Delivered in Cromwell 20s per Ton.
Delivered at Bannockburn 20s per Ton.

18 Bags to the Ton!

EDWARD M'NULTY,
Proprietor.

Cromwell



G. W. GOODGER Proprietor.

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity, delivered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Cromwell, or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

G. W. GOODGER.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSUR-
ANCE SOCIETY

RISKS TAKEN ON THE MOST
LIBERAL TERMS.

JAMES MARSHALL,

Melmore-Street, Cromwell.

W A N T E D K N O W N.
The SCHOONER NUN having undergone a THOROUGH REPAIRING, the Owner will place her on easy service with Runholders and Butchers, who may have fat stock to send to market.

All orders for Black Pine and Totara Posts and Rails will receive immediate attention.

Always on hand a large stock of Firewood.

W A N A K A S A W-M I L L S.

RUSSELL, EWING & CO.,

PROPRIETORS.

The Proprietors have placed the above Mills in complete working order with the best appliances obtainable and are prepared to supply Manufactured Timber of every description; Posts, Rails, Props, Slabs, &c. &c., at the shortest possible notice, at reasonable prices and on easy terms.

Orders punctually attended to and despatched with promptitude.

R U S S E L L, E W I N G & C O.,
WANAKA SAW MILLS.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND
General

BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,
Begs to intimate to Mining Companies and the public generally that he has removed to

QUARTZVILLE, where he hopes, by strict attention to business and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the public patronage.

CROMWELL
VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE,
MELMORE STREET.

ROBERT WISHART,
GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, MACHINIST,
&c.

Every description of work in connection with Mining and Farming Tools and Machinery made and repaired on the premises.

Good Workmanship guaranteed at Reasonable Prices.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally that he has gone to the expense of fitting up a CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS, being the first introduced up-country; and in this branch he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most-approved principle.

Light shoes 10s.

Draught do. 16s.

N.B.—A large supply of Slesinger's Horse and Cattle Medicines on hand.

IMPORTANT TO WAGONERS, FARMERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

NEW VETERINARY & SHOEING FORGE.

JAMES RICHARDS,

GENERAL BLACKSMITH AND FARRIER,

Having removed to the premises recently occupied by R. Wishart (adjoining Bank of New Zealand), begs to inform the public that he is in a position to execute every class of work in a most satisfactory manner at reasonable prices.

In the Veterinary and Shoeing Department the advertiser has considerable experience, and in these branches can guarantee to suit those who favor him with their patronage.

Horses carefully and skilfully treated for all complaints.

Note the Address—

MELMORE STREET, CROMWELL,

Adjoining the Bank of New Zealand.

Miscellaneous.

VINCENT FLOUR MILL,
OPHIR.

J. C. JONES
Begs to inform the inhabitants of the surrounding districts that, having now completed the above Flour Mill, which he has fitted up with machinery on the most improved principle, he is prepared to supply

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR
of the best quality; also, Bran and Pollard.

Gristing at Current Rates.

J. C. JONES.

WAKATIP FLOUR & OATMEAL
MILLS, LAKE HAYES.

ROBERT GILMOUR PROPRIETOR.

The Proprietor begs to announce to the public that, owing to the increased demand for Oatmeal, he has now completed considerable improvements on his oatmeal machinery, and is prepared to supply a first-class article at a most reasonable rate.

R.G.'s Mill being under the management of a Miller of wide experience, the public can depend upon a Constant Supply of Flour of the best quality, and can offer it at a cheap rate and upon as reasonable terms as any in the district.

ROBERT GILMOUR.

N O T I C E
POISON is laid on Morven Hills Station for the Destruction of Rabbits.

A. M'PHAIL,

Manager.

October 11, 1880.

N O T I C E

On and after this date, POISON will be LAID for DOGS and RABBITS on Mount Pisa and Queenberry Runs.

H. F. WILLMOTT,

Manager.

Mount Pisa Station, April 2, 1880.

N O T I C E

A number of useless Curs are allowed to prowl about on Kawarau Station by their owners. This is to give them warning that POISON will be laid wherever they are most likely to get it.

JAMES COWAN.

October, 1877.

IRON PIPING! IRON PIPING!!

CANVAS AND WOODEN FLUMING SUPERSEDED!

GEORGE PRESCOTT,

S T. B A T H A N S,

Begs to intimate to Proprietors and Mine Managers that he is now Manufacturing

IRON PIPING

(SUITABLE FOR SLICING AND OTHER PURPOSES)

At a cost which will compare favorably with Dunedin prices, while his practical knowledge of Miners' requirements enables him to furnish a more suitable article than that imported.

Pipes made any length convenient for packing, and sent to any part of the country according to agreement.

G. P. would wish to draw the attention of Proprietors and Managers of Hydraulic-worked Mines to the utility and economy of the WATER DIRECTOR with the Ball and Socket Joint, which can be attached to the Iron Piping, thus altogether dispensing with canvas hose; and, with full pressure on, a child of ten years can move it any direction.

Note the Address—

GEORGE PRESCOTT

S T. B A T H A N S.

TO FARMERS AND OTHERS.

The undersigned have FOR SALE Vegetable, Flower, and Agricultural Seeds:—

White Clover

Red Clover

Alsike

Cow Grass

Timothy, &c., &c.

Rape Seed, and Mangold

Turnip Seed, imported and

colonial grown.

DON'T USE DIRTY SEED!

We have, at considerable expense, imported a SEED CLEANING MACHINE, and farmers can have machine cleaned grass seed.

SHEEP NETS, WOOLPACKS, AND CORNSACKS.

400gals. Iron Tanks; Rock Salt; Bluestone; Fencing Wires, No. 6 to 10, cheaper than ever; Cambridge Rollers; Fanners; Cahoon's Hand Broadcast Sowing Machines; Mitchell's Grain and Grass Sowing Machines, for sowing turnip seed broadcast—it is acknowledged that an immense saving can be made by using them.

W. G. Murray and Co.'s Double Furrow Ploughs—cheap. Only two to sell—price, £7 10s each.

We are Agents for Nicholson's Reaper, and have some extras on hand.

We are Agents for N. Foraythe and Co.'s Ropes. Supplies on hand.

NIMMO AND BLAIR,

CUSTOMS & GENERAL COMMISSION

A G E N T S.

PRINCES-STREET, SOUTH DUNEDIN.

Miscellaneous.

P. B U T E L & C O ' S
FLOUR MILLS,
NEAR ARROWTOWN,

Supply First-class
SILK-DRESSED FLOUR, BRAN AND POLLARD.

GRISTING DONE AT CURRENT RATES.

Country orders executed with care and dispatch. An excellent sample of flour guaranteed, cannot be excelled in the Colony.

R. AND A. J. PARK,
SURVEYORS, LAND AGENTS,
SHARE AND MONEY BROKERS,
SAVINGS BANK BUILDINGS,
H I G H-S T R E E T, D U N E D I N.

Land Office business transacted.

MONEY TO LEND AT CURRENT RATES.

C E N T R A L R E G I S T R Y O F F I C E

E. LYONS begs to notify the inhabitants of Cromwell and District that he has OPENED a REGISTRY OFFICE in conjunction with his Fruiterer's Business in Dunedin.

Hotelkeepers, station owners and others can rely upon obtaining suitable Servants of every description.

E. L Y O N S
(Late J. B. L. Lukes),
COMMISSION, LAND & ESTATE AGENT,
GEORGE-STREET, DUNEDIN.

N O B E L ' S P A T E N T D Y N A M I T E

DALGETY, NICHOLS AND CO., Agents for the above Dynamite, beg to call the attention of Contractors, Miners and others, to the great strength of Dynamite, compared with other explosives as shown below:—

Blasting Gelatine, 100.00, Nobel's patent.

Nitro Glycerine, 93.36

No. 1 Dynamite, 75.11, Nobel's patent.

Lithofracteur of the strongest and best make, 65.69.

The price of Nobel's Dynamite, notwithstanding its greater strength and purity, does not exceed even that of Lithofracteur, viz.—

1 Case 50 lbs, 2s 9d per lb

HOTEL.
GARRICK RANGE HOTEL,
BANNOCKBURN.

GEORGE MASON, Proprietor.
Having leased the above Hotel from Mr. Peake, the undersigned has completely renovated the premises, and effected such improvements as were necessary for the entire comfort and convenience of the public, rendering the house one of the best in the district.

THE PUBLIC HALL.

Attached to the Hotel has also been fitted up for meetings, entertainments, &c.

Alcock's prize Billiard Table and commodious room, supplied with every requirement.

Wines, Spirits and Beer of best brands and brew.

GEORGE MASON,
Proprietor.

VICTORIA, BRIDGE HOTEL.

J. M'CORMIK, Proprietor.

The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards') has undergone a thorough renovation at the hands of the present proprietor, and is now second to no house on the main road from Cromwell to Queenstown, a distance of 12 miles.

Travellers may rest assured that they will receive every attention at the above Hotel, no charge being made for the services of an attendant.

The excellent range of STONE STABLES is under the charge of an experienced Groom. Horses will therefore secure every attention.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE.

Doctor's FLAT, BANNOCKBURN.

(On the Main Road to the Natives).

Large and commodious Store.

GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSE-

REQUISITES of all descriptions.

Kept in Stock: Hides, Sheepskins, &c.

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, Proprietor.

**VICTORIA HOTEL,
CROMWELL.**

JAMES STUART,

(late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn).

Begs to intimate to his friends and the public that he has purchased the above Hotel, where

he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall

stone stable, replete with every convenience

for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the

District.

The Stabling is good, and travellers are assured

their horses will receive every care.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

**CITATION HOTEL,
ALEXANDRA.**

Proprietor.

HENRY TOHILL, Proprietor.

He TOHILL begs to inform the Travelling

Public that this Hotel possesses every convenience, and trusts, by strict attention to the

comfort of Travellers, and the Public generally, to merit their patronage.

PRIVATE PARLOR AND BEDROOMS.

Large and commodious Billiard Room and

Alcock's Prize Table.

The BEST OF WINES, SPIRITS AND BEER ONLY

KEPT.

The Culinary Department Specially attended to.

Good STABLING.

PORT PHILIP HOTEL,

SUNDERLAND STREET, CLYDE.

John COX, Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accom-

modation; and J. COX begs to inform the Travelling Public that, to suit the times, he has

determined on reducing the charges, which, from date, will be as follows:

Stabling, per night, 5s.

Single Feed, 2s.

Meals and Bed, each, 2s.

Board and Lodging, per week, 30s.

Board only, 20s.

The Stables attached to the Hotel comprise,

besides Stalls, Eight Loose Boxes. An

efficient Groom always in attendance,

and only the best of Provisions kept, and every care

to insure the comfort of the horses.

Cobb and Co.'s coaches arrive and depart from

this Hotel.

THE BEST BRANDS OF SPIRITS, WINES, AND

BEERS, and all kinds of articles of

small goods of every description.

N.B.—A Private Cottage for Families, contain-

ing all the comforts of a home.

Large stock of Wines, Beers, &c.

Large stock of Wines, Beers, &c.</

COUNTIES GAZETTE.

VINCENT COUNTY COUNCIL.

NOTICE.

The COLLECTOR will attend at the County Office, Cromwell, on FRIDAY and SATURDAY next to receive Depasturing Applications and Rates.

GEORGE CLARK,
County Clerk.

Vincent County Offices,
Clyde, October 19, 1880.

BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR.

EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY.

NOMINATIONS for the office of Councillor for BRIDGE WARD will take place at the Council Chambers, at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of October.

Dated at Cromwell this 19th day of October, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Returning Officer for Bridge Ward.



R.

NEW ZEALAND PUBLIC WORKS.

NOTICE RE UNEMPLOYED.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that as the Spring advances, the number of men now employed on Public Works will be considerably reduced. Employers of labor requiring the services of any of the men are requested to communicate with the Immigration Agents in the various districts, or with the officers of this Department in charge of the works.

By command,

W. N. BLAIR,
Engineer-in-Charge Middle Island.

Public Works Office,
Dunedin, 28th September, 1880.



WANAKA ANNUAL RACES.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,

October 21st and 22nd, 1880.

STEWARDS:
Mr T. A. Fraser
Mr H. S. Thomson
R. McDougall
H. Maidman
G. Chriss
J. Hardie
Mr H. F. Willmott

Mr A. Chalmers
R. Walsh
J. B. Ewing
J. Dove

JUDGE: Mr R. McDougall.

STARTER: Mr John M'Laren.

CLERK OF COURSE: Mr W. Ford.

PROGRAMME:

FIRST DAY, THURSDAY.

Maiden Plate, of 15 sovs. Weight for age: one mile; open to all horses that have never won an advertised race.

Newcastle Handicap, of 15 sovs. One mile; nomination, 15s; acceptance, 10s.

Handicap Hurdle Race, of 15 sovs.

Entrance, 20s; one and a half mile, over six flights of hurdles.

Hack Race, of 10 sovs. Post entry, 20s; no weight under 1st distance, one mile; open to all horses that have never won over 25.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY.

Trial Plate, of 15 sovs. Entrance, 20s; one mile; for three-year-olds; weight, 8st 10lb.

Wanaka Handicap, of 25 sovs. One mile and a half; nomination, 20s; acceptance, 10s.

Hack Race, of 10 sovs. Post entry, 15s; half-mile heats; weight for age; open to all horses that have never started for public money.

Consolation Handicap, of — sovs. Entrance 10s; one mile.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Entries for Maiden Plate, Newcastle Handicap, Hurdle Race, Wanaka Handicap, and Trial Plate to be sent to the Secretary at Wanaka Hotel before 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20th, 1880. Weights for Newcastle Handicap and Hurdle Race to be declared same evening.

Acceptances to be lodged with the secretary not later than 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 21st, 1880. Weights for Wanaka Handicap to be declared at 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 21st, 1880. Acceptances to be lodged with the secretary before 10 a.m. on Friday, October 22nd, 1880.

Horses to be handicapped by the Stewards or whom they may appoint.

Three entries for each event, or no race.

No entry will be received for any of the above races except upon the following conditions:

Qualification fee of £1 is to the Race Fund;

that all disputes and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by the Stewards, and their decision to be final.

First race each day to start at one o'clock p.m.

The Dunedin Jockey Club rules will be strictly enforced.

W.M. MONTEITH,
Secretary.

WANTED.—3 First-Class MASONS.
Apply, JAMES SMITH, Bannockburn.

WANTED.—A COOK, for the Home Station. Must be thoroughly competent and capable of cooking for 40 men.—Apply, Kawarau Station.

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T E N D E R S.

TENDERS are invited for the ERECTION of a Three-Roomed HOUSE of Wood and Iron, to be attached to the School-house, Nevis.

Tenders to be in not later than 27th October.

Plan and Specifications to be seen at D. A. Jolly and Co.'s, Cromwell.

JOHN SNOW,
Secretary.

P I A N O F O R T E T U N I N G.

ARNOLD R. KELSEY & CO.,
MUSIC SELLERS, &c., DUNEDIN,
Beg to inform the public of Cromwell and district
that their

M R. J. T. O A K D E N
(From Brinsmead and Sons', London)

WILL VISIT THE DISTRICT IN A FEW DAYS.

Orders for Mr Oakden's services can be left with the local agent, Mr J. Solomon.

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A GIFT AUCTION

In aid of the Funds of
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, CROMWELL,

Will be held about

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TIME.

The assistance of the public is earnestly solicited.

W. T. TALBOYS.
Hon. Secretary.

P I E C L A Y S L U D G E C H A N N E L
C O. (L I M I T E D).

An EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the School-house, Bannockburn, on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of November, at 8 p.m.

Business: To consider the advisability of further prosecuting the work.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Manager.

M I S S E S T O D D & M U L H O L L A N D
Beg to inform the Ladies of Cromwell and surrounding districts that they have commenced business in Cromwell as

DRESS AND MANTLE MAKERS,
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O T A G O C O R N & W O O L E X C H A N G E,
D U N E D I N.

To the Wool Growers of Otago.

Gentlemen,—

We beg to intimate that our Warehouses are now ready for the reception and sale of wool during the season, and that we are prepared to make cash advances against consignments, whether for sale here or for shipment.

We hold Auction Sales of Wool, Sheep, Hides and Tallow every week. Accounts Sales rendered, and proceeds paid over within six days of sale.

We act strictly as SELLING BROKERS ONLY, and make careful valuations of every parcel prior to sale, and as every department of the business is conducted under our PERSONAL supervision, the best guarantee is afforded to Consigners that

NO PARCEL WILL BE SOLD BELOW ITS FULL
MARKET VALUE,

and that their interests generally will be carefully protected.

All Wool and other Produce is fully covered by insurance from the time it enters our Stores.

The Charges on Wool offered for sale and not sold are nominal, being

ONE SHILLING PER BALE ONLY,
which includes receiving, warehousing, delivery, and insurance whilst in store.

Returning our best thanks for the support so liberally accorded to us hitherto, and assuring you of our desire to merit its continuance.

We remain, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

DONALD REID & CO.,

Wool Brokers, Stock, Station, and Produce

Agents, High-street, Dunedin.

P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H,
C R O M W E L L.

Rev. J. BLACKIE will conduct Divine Service at the School-house, NEVIS, on SABBATH next, 24th instant at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

W A N A K A R A C E S !

A C O A C H

Will leave Goodger's Hotel at five o'clock on THURSDAY Morning, 21st instant, for the Wanaka Race-course, returning on Saturday evening. Intending passengers are requested to book early.

R. KIDD.

C R O M W E L L J O C K E Y C L U B.

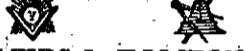
A MEETING of the Committee is appointed to be held at Heron's White Hart Hotel on MONDAY Evening, 25th October, at 8 o'clock, to arrange the Annual Race Meeting, &c.

Nominators for the Cromwell Derby, 1880, are reminded that they must declare on or before Tuesday, the 9th day of November, or they will be liable for the whole stake.

S. N. BROWN,

Secretary.

October 12, 1880.



C R O M W E L L K I L W I N N I N G
L O D G E (S.C.)

The REGULAR MEETING will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING, 20th October, at 8 o'clock.

Business: Affiliation.

By order of the R.W.M.

R. LOUDON,

Secretary.

C R O M W E L L R I F L E
V O L U N T E E R S.

N O T I C E.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTION PARADE will be held in the Drill Hall on FRIDAY EVENING, 22nd instant, at 8 p.m.

A full attendance of members is required.

S. N. BROWN,

Captain Commanding.



P R E L I M I N A R Y N O T I C E

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D A N C E !

Programme next issue.

E. M'NULTY, N.G.



C R O M W E L L D E R B Y, 1880.

C. M'KENNA'S

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O N A B O V E E V E N T I S N O W O P E N.

200 Subscribers at £1 Each.

First Prize	£60
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Third Prize	25
Starters (Divided)	45
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The Drawing will take place under the supervision of a Committee of responsible subscribers present, immediately on the subscription list being closed, and the result published in THE CROMWELL ARGUS.

Subscribers residing at a distance are requested to make early application to prevent disappointment.

Tickets obtainable at M'Kenna's Golden Age Hotel, and ARGUS Office, Cromwell, and from agents in surrounding centres.

CHARLES M'KENNA,

Treasurer.

P O S T A L N O T I C E.

The next outward 'Frisco mail will close here at Noon on Wednesday, November 3rd.

W. T. WARD, Postmaster.

V. S. T. I. C. E.

The following are the days appointed for holding the

strongly of having been "made on the premises" in Sunderland-street. Indeed, the *Argus* and its sayings seem to entirely occupy the mind of the *Times* writer. By the way, the said writer takes offence because we do not dignify him with the title and see in him the high office of Editor. But he forgets that there is a broad gulf between the editor—the recognised exponent of public opinion—and the self-interested writings of one who has only a personal purpose to serve, and quite the sanctum and its responsibilities so soon as that end is served. So much for the "unpardonable breach" of journalistic etiquette" involved in the non-recognition of the "Times writer." He is well enough known in all conscience, but the public and ourselves prefer to judge the sincerity of his writings by his acts, rather than allow him to shelter himself under the anonymity of the Press.

We also greatly admire the extensive biblical knowledge displayed, in season and out of season, by the *Dunstan Times* "writer." If we remember rightly in the very early stage of his career in Otago—at Lawrence, we think—he for a time published himself by unkindly recommending a certain youthful individual to "tarry at Jericho" until nature adorned him with the hirsute indications of wisdom according with the adviser's views. Like a certain other gentleman not unknown to fame, as the "writer" has grown older his knowledge of old Testament history has increased, and scripture is quoted to serve very unrighteous ends. Baalam and his ass—the ass especially—are stereotyped figures made to play varied parts in the career of the "writer," and no opportunity is missed to trot the animal out—often as not enveloped in the lion's skin. Might we recommend an addition to the biblical lore of the "writer" in the story of Belshazzar's feast and the writing on the wall? By a careful study of the interpretation thereof he may learn something of the position he has managed to attain in the public mind.

The Cromwell Volunteers muster for Government inspection on Friday evening.

Mr W. Conyers was to have left office yesterday as Commissioner of South Island Railways, Mr Hannay taking charge.

Mr Charles Colclough's application to purchase two acres of section 8, block 3, Cromwell, was granted by the Land Board last week.

Property-owners are reminded that Monday next, 25th, is the last day for sending in Property Tax returns. Persons neglecting to do so will be liable to heavy penalties.

Sir Julius Vogel has tendered his resignation of the office of Agent-General, and at a meeting of the Cabinet it was resolved to accept it. His successor has not yet been appointed.

The Committee of the Cromwell Jockey Club will meet at Heron's Hotel on Monday evening. The chief business is to adopt the programme for the Annual Race-meeting in December.

We understand that the Bannockburn Co-operative Store Company has accepted the tender of Mr James Smith for the erection of stone premises. The locality where the store is to be erected is on the flat a few hundred yards beyond Mr Richard's place.

Our enterprising townsmen, Mr G. W. Goodger, has, we believe, purchased from Mr Thomas Anderson his well-situated and fertile farm on the Wanaka road. The investment should prove a good one for so large an owner of stock as is Mr Goodger.

The Wanaka Annual Race Meeting takes place on Thursday and Friday. There is every prospect that this year the entries for the various events on the programme will be an improvement on the past two or three seasons—although, as a rule, the prizes offered have induced good fields at this popular and enjoyable meeting.

On the occasion of his first official visit to Wakatipu last week, Major Keddell was formally welcomed by the local Bar, represented by Mr Finn. Major Keddell, in the course of his reply is reported by the local paper to have said—"During my lengthened experience I have met with a great number of members of the Bar, indeed with some of its most distinguished members, but never had an unpleasant word with one of them."

Mr T. A. Mansford, Resident Magistrate and District Judge at Wellington—and who had just received twelve months leave of absence—died at Fort Chalmers on Saturday morning. The deceased gentleman was suffering from a severe affection of the throat. Mr Mansford was one of the oldest Magistrates in the colony, having received his appointment at Auckland close on 20 years ago. His age was 58 years, and he leaves a widow and three children.

Lee Guy, the Chinaman who was acquitted of the charge of being concerned in the Kyeburn murder, arrived in Nasby from Dunedin on Wednesday last. A large crowd quickly collected, and commenced to pelt him with stones and dirt, but before any serious harm was done him Sergeant McNally appeared on the scene, and removed him to the camp, where he remained till the crowd had dispersed.

From all quarters we hear the most hopeful accounts of the lambing this season in the Dunstan and Wakatipu districts. The percentage promises to be higher than it has been for years and the young ones wonderfully strong. The exceptionally mild spring has been highly favorable to stockowners, and it is gratifying to record some compensating good for the severe losses sustained in other respects—notably in the great outlay towards keeping down the rabbit pest.

The County Chairman has deemed it necessary to publish a letter, in the *Dunstan Times* to contradict a misstatement "to the effect that he had been drawing large sums from the County treasury for travelling expenses." "Buggy hire only has been charged, and the cost has been trifling—averaging less than £3 per month for the past year." Mr Pyke should put himself right with the public by publishing a list of his "extras" during the past four years.

Private letters received by the last mail state that Sir Julius Vogel contemplates an early return to this Colony, and that it is his intention to re-enter the political arena.

Owing to the retrenchment policy of the Government, the services of Mr J. H. Lowe, Engineer-of-permanent-way for the Middle Island Railways, are to be dispensed with.

Mr R. Kidd announces in another column that he will run a special coach to the Wanaka Races—leaving Goodger's hotel, Cromwell on Thursday morning in ample time to reach the course for the opening event.

Under the protecting care and guidance of its new and erratic editor, the Clyde paper is likely to achieve an unenviable notoriety. A Dunedin contemporary finds occasion to remark:—The *Dunstan Times* has apparently got a severe attack of bile at the present time. In its last issue it falls foul of THE CROMWELL ARGUS, *Mount Isa Chronicle*, *Tuapeka Times*, *Saturday Advertiser*, and besides severely castigating the Government for its action in matters both local and general. But then a new broom always sweeps clean, they say, and hitherto none of the papers mentioned have handled the Clyde broom very tenderly, and the Government has altogether thrown it aside as worn out, and only fit for the coarsest of work.

It is gratifying to find that an intelligent Press entirely sympathises with the endeavours we have made to cut down the proportions of county officialism. The following is from the *Tuapeka Times*:—We have every sympathy with Vincent County so far that we regret embarrassment resulting from engagements for useful public works, but we must condemn the almost reckless extravagance in administration. The Chairman further, as we have already noted, draws travelling allowance. Now at the eleventh hour, the pruning knife has been applied to this official tree—our readers will probably agree with us that it was about time. Mr Colclough, who took the lead in endeavoring to effect material economical reform, was, however, only partially successful. He was vehemently opposed at every step by Mr Vincent Pyke, to his discredit be it said, who, indeed, secured £250 as the future salary of the Chairman by his own vote, as against the very reasonable proposal that it be fixed at £150!

The Engineer, who by the way, is a near relative of the present Chairman, is still to be continued at £450 a year, although there is not the least prospect of his services being utilised in the construction of new works; and the double offices of clerk and collector are to be continued until the end of the financial year.

SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

D U N E D I N.

This Day, 11.41 a.m.

The Garrison Hall was again filled at Proctor's lecture on the sun last night. His address to children is expected to be a great success.

It is stated that Inspector Mallard was willing to accept a Serjt.-Majorship if allowed to retain nominal rank as Inspector, but the Defence Minister refused. He therefore retires on compensation.

The San Francisco mail is likely to reach Dunedin on Thursday evening.

The case "Queen v. Barry," claim for £8, is a claim for money advanced to him by the Agent-General. It was adjourned at the R. M. Court yesterday till 15th November.

In the Supreme Court yesterday before a special jury, James M'Kay claimed £4,000 damages from Thomas Connor for libel. The alleged offence consisted in Connor writing privately to a person in Western Australia charging M'Kay with committing perjury and theft and obtaining money under false pretences. The jury found total damages for M'Kay one half-penny. Each party will have to pay his own costs.

A crushing from the Geelong claim at Longwood yielded half an ounce to the ton.

A meeting at Christchurch has agreed to subscribe £100 to make a flying survey to the West Coast.

A sailor named Fisher fell off the train on Saturday at the entrance to the Lyttelton tunnel, and was much bruised.

By a boat accident at Pelorus Sound on Sunday afternoon, Mrs Miller and child and two children named Finnie were drowned.

The Poverty Bay petroleum company has struck a vein of oil 70 feet down. Shares are now at three shillings, only sixpence being paid up.

Colonel Whitmore's estate at Hawkes Bay has been bought by John Roberts of Otago for £50,000. The Colonel goes to England at the beginning of the year, and does not return.

A man called "Deaf Jack," while drunk, fell off his horse on the Piako road (Auckland) and was smothered in the mud of a roadside ditch.

Five officers of the Customs department in Auckland has been dispensed with.

The monthly Parikaha meeting began yesterday. There was a full attendance, with a fair sprinkling of Europeans. Te Whiti spoke for three-quarters of an hour. There was no feature of interest.

The Wellington correspondent of the *Daily Times* says:—"Retrenchment is actively proceeding. I expect to be able in a day or two to report something definite with regard to judicial, magisterial, and other changes, but the Government preserves close reticence as to its intentions until official instructions have reached the officers affected. I hear Ministers were much annoyed at their intentions relating to Conyers and Lawson leaking out prematurely."

INTERCOLONIAL.

MELBOURNE, October 18.

An interview has taken place between Mr Berry and Sir Henry Parkes regarding border

duties, but they failed to come to an agreement on the subject.

The Railway Bill, which will be introduced by the Government will provide for the construction of 450 miles of new line.

The trial of Ned Kelly has been postponed until the 28th.

There paid admission to the Melbourne Exhibition during the past week an average of about 3,000 daily, except Saturday, when the number exceeded 7,000, notwithstanding the counter-attraction of the Strauss Band at the Flemington racecourse, where 15,000 were present. There are only 47 performers in the band, the leader of which is Baron Alvis F. Wilder, who was 15 years senior professor at Leipzig Conservatoire of Music.

Lord Loftus and a distinguished party were entertained at a luncheon at Deniliquin on Friday. Lord Loftus warmly advocated Australian federation, and appealed to the colonists to endeavor to progress in that direction. The Duke of Manchester hoped Australians would have direct representation in the Imperial Parliament, and a voice in the Government of the Empire. Sir John O'Shanassy favored inter-colonial free trade. The speeches have been very favorable received.

It has been decided to hold a review at Flemington race-course on the Prince of Wales Birthday, when it is expected that 4000 volunteers, blue jackets, and marines of ships of war will take part.

Three seizures of smuggled jewellery have taken place in Melbourne. One packet was discovered in a keg of fat.

The burglar who entered Government house last month and stole £150 worth of jewellery is captured. Suspicion fell upon a well known old English burglar named Barnes. His movements when he decamped for Sydney were watched by the police who arrested him, when many articles of jewellery were recovered.

The *Argus* states that the opening of Goldborough's wool sales on the 6th proved a great attraction to the trade. Biddings were spirited, the advance averaging 10 per cent.

Mr J. Thomson has received a telegram from Trickett stating that he never was better, and feels confident of retaining the championship of the world.

SYDNEY, October 18.

A destructive fire broke out at Wagga Wagga at midnight on Friday. It completely destroyed the Masonic Hall and several adjoining buildings. The damage is estimated at £10,000, which is fully insured. The fire raged for five hours.

The following cablegrams are published in Melbourne papers:—

LONDON, 8th.

Hanlon is practising assiduously, and getting into form. His prospects of success with Trickett are considered good.

The Queen, desirous of acknowledging the brilliant services rendered by General Sir G. Roberts during the Afghan campaign, has expressed her intention of personally decorating him with the Grand Cross of the Bath.

The French Government has refused to join in any concerted movement against Turkey, and the French portion of the squadron under Sir Frederick Seymour has been withdrawn.

The Turkish Sultan has declared that he will rather abdicate his throne than yield to the terms proposed to be enforced upon him by the joint Powers.

LATEST BY CABLE.

LONDON, October 18.

Parnell at Longford made a speech in the course of which he stated that the proposed prosecutions would be entirely useless.

The detached squadron to which H. M. S. Bacchante belongs has gone on a protracted cruise.

PARIS, October 18.

The French Government are still continuing to expel the Jesuit religious order.

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 15.

Intelligence has been received that the dragon or interpreter attached to the Austrian Consulate at Prisend, in Albania, has been assassinated.

LATEST.

4.52 p.m.

George Minifie, who had been machinist at the *Star* office since 1865, died suddenly this morning of heart disease. He was at work yesterday as usual. He leaves a wife and family.

At Palmerston to-day the trial of Alexander Annan, Mary Hood, Philip Macarthy, and Martin Power for illicit distillation is proceeding. Power pleaded guilty, and has given evidence implicating the others.

LONDON, October 18.

A report is current at St. Petersburg that, owing to the Czar having contracted a marriage with the Princess Dologorouki, his Majesty will appoint the Czaritch Coronet, and will live in retirement at Lividia, in the Crimea.

News has been received from South America of a terrible disaster in the Argentine Republic. A most severe snowstorm, lasting three days, fell over an enormous tract of country. It caused the death of 700,000 cattle, 500,000 sheep, and 250,000 horses. No news has come to hand of any loss of human life.

CLYDE RACES.

The Clyde Races passed off on Friday last very successfully. The attendance was fair, the bulk of those present being from surrounding centres—Alexandra, Cromwell and Blacks especially being well represented.

Although during the morning the weather did not look promising, the day turned out beautifully fine, adding considerably to the enjoyment of the meeting. Target-shooting and a variety of other amusements served to fill up the intervals between the events, and they had plenty of patrons. The duties of Judge were capitally carried out by Major Keddell, and Mr Welsford at the starting-post was the right man in the right place, getting his fields off very cleverly. The other officers also were attentive to their duties.

For the Maiden Plate of 10 sovs. four faced the starter, the winner turning up in Mr River's colt *Spectator*, with Mr Chaafe's aristocratic *Appona* second. Lord Antrim

and Wild Fox made up the quartette, but they were outpaced almost from the start. The winner is a fine upstanding animal, and his performances at Clyde and Alexandra have brought him well forward in the market for the Cromwell Derby, for which he is entered.

MARSH PLATE, of 10 sovs; weight for age; distance, one mile. For all horses that have never won an advertised race of £10.

Mr Rivers' *Spectator*, 9st 3lb ... (Davis) 1
Mr Chaafe's *Appona*, 7st 3lb ... (Thompson) 2
Mr Malone's *Lord Antrim* ... 3
Mr Fogerty's *Wild Fox* ... 0

Mr Welsford got the field away cleverly, and the lot kept together to the back of the course, when *Spectator* and *Appona* began to draw away. A good race ensued, but the Alexandra horse could not be denied and came with a grand spurt at the finish. Time, 1min. 54secs.

DUNSTAN J. C. HANDICAP, of 20 sovs; distance, one and a-half mile;

Mr Chaafe's *Atlantic*, 9st 12lb ... (Kennedy) 1
Mr M'Kenna's *Playboy*, 8st 1lb ... (Fraser) 2
Dr Leahy's *Dandy*, 9st 8lb ... 3
Mr Keenan's *Canute*, 6st 12lb ... 0

Dr Leahy's *Acolyte* was scratched. *Dandy* was the public favorite and found a good few to put money on him. Almost from the jump, however, it was evident the grey was not in form, and he never took a leading position. For the half-mile home it was simply a match between *Atlantic* and *Playboy*, and coming down the straight it was difficult to spot the winner. *Somehow Playboy* got out of his stride and lost ground, *Atlantic* passing the post a couple of lengths ahead. A protest was lodged by Mr M'Kenna for alleged crossing, but it was not sustained. Time, 2min. 50sec.

HACK SELLING RACE, of 10 sovs; three-quarter-mile heats; no weight under 9st. The winner to be sold for £12, and the surplus (if any) to go to the race fund.

Mr Rivers' *Friction* ... (Malone) 1
Mr Sherwood's *St. Andrew* ... (A. Fraser) 2 2

Wild Fox also started. For this event *Friction* proved to have too much foot for the Saint and Fox, and showed them the way easily in both heats. She was bought in by her owner for a trifle over the upset.

VINCENT HANDICAP, of 15 sovs; distance, one mile;

Mr Chaafe's *Atlantic* ... (Kennedy) 1
Mr M'Kenna's *Playboy* ... (A. Fraser) 2
Dr Leahy's *Acolyte* ... 3
Mr Chaafe's *Appona* ... 0

Eight were on the card for this, but four declined. The flag dropped to a splendid start, the lot going off at a rattling pace for half-a-mile or more. From this point *Atlantic* and *Playboy* let daylight in between their followers. The two kept together for a bit, but *Atlantic* had the race in hand all through and landed the stake with something to spare. Time, 1min. 53secs.

The Hospital Race (for which a liberal sum was collected on the course by Messrs Pyke and Naylor) was won by Mr Robertson's *Pillbox*.

Consolation Handicap was added to the programme, and was won by a local horse whose name our reporter did not learn.

CRICKET MATCH—CROMWELL v. CLYDE.

The above match came off on Saturday last on the Clyde ground, and resulted in a victory for Cromwell. The Cromwell men went first to the wickets, and were not disposed of until 101 runs had been made.

Considering that the ground was all against run-getting, this may be regarded as a very respectable total. Their opponents then faced the Cromwell bowlers. It soon became evident that they had determined to force the game, and in their very short innings they managed to put together a total of 72 runs. Had the fielding of the Cromwell men, however, been anything up to the mark, there is every reason to believe that the half-century would not have been reached. In their second innings the Cromwell men put together 106 runs with only three wickets down. The scoring is as follows:—

CROMWELL.—FIRST INNINGS.

Tobin, 21212, b Aris ... 9
Arnold, 111111, run out ... 7
Loudon, 13211111111111112114211211, not out ... 41

Turton, 15, b Williams ... 6
Howell, 1131211, b Williams ... 10
Preshaw, 221, b Williams ... 5
Wilmott, 1, b Rees ... 1
Foreman, 12, b Williams ... 3
Tizard, 1311, b Rees ... 6
Olds, 1, c Jones, b Rees ... 1
Goodger, 22, c W. G. Rees b C. Rees ... 4
Extras ... 9

CLYDE.—FIRST INNINGS.

Williams, 12213112, b Tobin ... 13
Jones, 111222, b Tob

CARDRONA ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment held annually in aid of the Cardrona School funds took place in the school-house on the evening of Friday, 8th instant. The weather being beautifully fine, a number of visitors from Pembroke, Macstow, and outlying districts honored the event by their presence, creating a stir and pleasing animation in our usually quiet little township, such as we have not had the pleasure of witnessing since the painful days of '72.

Precisely at 8 o'clock (the house being then crammed in every part), the curtain rose, to the first part of the programme, sustained by the Cardrona Colored Minstrels, whose efforts both in the instrumental and vocal line brought down frequent and well-deserved bursts of applause. The grotesque antics and highly-appreciated local hits by Bones and Tambo, as also the ludicrously-assumed pomposity of Johnson, fairly convulsed the audience. A grand plantation walk-round and Virginny break-down, in which the Turkey Buzzard and Pigeon Wing figured most conspicuously, brought this to a close.

After a short interval, Mr Huddlestome, who only the evening before had been entertaining your townspeople, with that praiseworthy activity to assist a good cause so characteristic of that gentleman, gave us a Punch and Judy show, as well as the dancing sailor and the dwarf, which were immensely appreciated by all, more especially by the juvenile portion of the audience, however.

The third part was made up of vocal selections by amateurs, in which some of the songs were rendered in a manner seldom excelled by travelling professional troupes. Especially was the clear soprano voice of Mrs W. Taylor heard to great advantage in her really excellent rendition of that pretty ballad "The last rose of summer." Mrs Mace was also most happy in her selections, "The fisherman's daughter" and "Juanita," the music in both being much adapted to her powerful contralto voice. Miss M'Laren made her débüt, and although slightly nervous, possesses a sweet and pleasing voice which, combined with a prepossessing appearance and winning style, established her at once as a favorite. Mr and Mrs Hassing sang the duet "What are the wild waves saying" very nicely. Mr Taylor's fine baritone was much appreciated, especially in the song "Dublin Bay." Mr A. Austin and Mr Hodgson also sang; the latter gentleman's song, "Napoleon's farewell to Paris," was much admired, especially by those more intimately acquainted with the history of the First Empire. "Auld lang syne," sang by the company, the audience with one accord joining heartily in the chorus, brought the concert to a close.

An interval then took place, during which an unlimited quantity of sandwiches, pastry and tea were passed round—in fact this department was decidedly a most important and successful feature in the evening's programme; and we confess that only at an Oriental reception have we seen anything to approach it in quality, quantity and variety. The inner man being fully satisfied, dancing commenced, the Cardrona Band discoursing sweet music for lovers of the "light fantastic," who under the able management of the Messrs Austin Bros., tripped it with unflagging energy till 7 in the morning.

As a success socially, the entertainment under notice has never been equalled on Cardrona, which fact is due in a great measure to the very excellent managing capacity of the Austin Bros., as well as the artistic ingenuity displayed by those gentlemen in decorating and furnishing gratuitously scenery, decorations, stage properties, &c. That the affair will result in a considerable addition to the school funds need hardly be doubted, when it is stated that the whole of the talent, refreshments and material was supplied gratuitously by the people of Cardrona. And it is a pleasing fact to note that with one or two isolated misanthropical exceptions, good fellowship and mutual assistance for the common good is the main spring of success in our endeavors to assist the promotion of Education or any other cause.

Cardrona, October 12.

At the Waste Lands Board meeting last week, a letter was read from Mr William Fraser, (Chairman of the Vincent County Rabbit Trustees) detailing the inconvenience and loss to which holders of the various runs in the district are subject to through the rabbit pest. Its reading seemed to wake up the members of the Board to the serious consequences likely to ensue to the public estate in Otago if the pest is allowed to remain unchecked, and a resolution was framed asking the Government to take immediate steps for dealing with it.

The Government plan in connection with Police administration is gradually assuming shape, and so far as we (*Morning Herald*) are able to judge is admirably designed. We now learn that the colony will be divided into eleven Police Districts—four in the North Island and seven in the South. The Northern districts will be Auckland, Napier, Wellington, and Wanganui. In the South, the divisions are Nelson (including Marlborough), Christchurch, Timaru, West Coast, and Otago (which will be divided into three districts). Each of the above will be in charge of one officer, who will communicate direct with the head of the Department in Wellington. It is probable that Inspector Moore, of Lawrence, will take charge of the Timaru district, and that Inspector Thompson, of Oamaru, will be transferred to Invercargill, while Inspector Hillson will remain on the goldfields. Superintendent Weldon will have charge of Dunedin and suburbs.

DUNEDIN GOSSIP.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

We are all in a wonderfully delighted state of mind over Mr Proctor. Whatever his place may be in the scientific world, whether his name will go down to futurity along with the truly great in astronomy, we don't trouble to ask ourselves; we only give way to the witchery of the present, and acknowledge that above and beyond what we had ever deemed possible, he has the gift of popularising the subject of astronomy. Such an audience assembled at the Garrison Hall to hear him! Our bishops, our judges, our clergy, our university professors, and so on down to our very larrikins almost. Every one came away delighted—enchanted, and none without their stock of knowledge increased. Truly, Proctor is the greatest treat colonials have yet had. Tyndall or Huxley, or a man like Carlyle—if he could be got to lecture—might put him in the shade; and perhaps we might live in hope of even these.

Our Garrison Hall is a great convenience for these big "shows." £170 worth of people, at 4s, 2s 6d and 1s, was crammed into it at the Catholic Cathedral concert the other night. All the big guns who come here are pleased with the acoustic properties of the hall. Camilla Urso raved about the way her fiddle sounded through it. Proctor, too, spoke of it in high terms. In fact, he is reported to have said afterwards that he felt so buoyant and joyful at the ease with which his voice went out of him that he felt like singing a song. Yet the hall was built for drill purposes principally, and probably the architects took very little thought about sound when they designed it.

I am somewhat amused, and I hope sufficiently frightened, too, about the offence I have given Mr Conyers; but I don't think he had any grounds for calling me an "infamous fabricator," and I believe I have an excellent action against him about it. But more anon.

The jury decided that Ah Lee was "guilty" of the murder of Mrs Young, and, as I telegraphed you, the decision is concurred in. The truth is, although of course it has to be mentioned with bated breath, the jury very likely thought they could not be far wrong in bringing in such a verdict, seeing that Ah Lee had put his name to a certain document, which, if it was not in evidence, they knew to be in existence. Lee Guy got off, and that was not surprising, for there was not much evidence. It has been hinted that the Chinese had much sympathy with the prisoners, but their treatment of Lee Guy here in Dunedin showed the reverse; for, "not guilty" though he was, they refused him admission into several of the boarding-houses.

Over in New South Wales they object to a criticism of judges, but the occupants of the Bench are not so thin-skinned here. Judge Williams was severely criticised after the Butler trial, and there is a very general opinion that he has benefited thereby. At any rate his summing up in the case just finished was a much more masterly, exhaustive, and impartial one than in the Butler case. His grave fault in the latter was his entire passing over of the prisoner's defence. In the Chinese case he gave full weight to the points made by the prisoners' counsel, and criticised their addresses just as there is no doubt he should have done Butler's celebrated speech.

Our new lawyer, Mr MacDermott, did very well as counsel for Lee Guy, although he had an easy task. But he appears inclined to be a bit of a bounce, and we Dunedin people don't like that kind of thing. Mr Rowlett, of Naseby, did not take advantage of the big opening he had to make himself famous; in fact, he was a failure.

There appears to be no chance of getting Inspector Mallard reinstated—more's the pity. Very likely the public will go in for a testimonial to him. The new arrangement is that Superintendent Weldon does all the Dunedin work, hitherto performed by Inspector Mallard; all the Oamaru work, hitherto performed by Inspector Thomson; all the Lawrence work, hitherto performed by Inspector Moore; and all the work performed by his noble self in addition. What an easy time of it he must have had in former years!

The experiences of our "Hamlet" amateur dramatic people ought to be a warning to all with a hankering that way. Their performance was to be for the benefit of the Benevolent Institution, the secretary of which with some assistants performed three nights' ticket taking and such other offices in anticipation of a big haul. Sad to say, although there was a decent house the first night, nobody cared to see Hamlet a second or third time, and the receipts were below the expenses. Not only did the charity get nothing, but the principal amateurs had to disburse a little.

We have a strolling evangelist here just now, but the astronomer overshadows him. His name is Forlong, but I imagine his stay will be for shorter than his name would suggest. I have not heard him myself, not being of the kind who get enamoured over such people; but I am assured by good Christian folks that he is very commonplace. He got possession of the First Church pulpit one Sabbath, but with the congregation's good grace he will not get it again. The Rev. Lindsay Mackie annoys his congregation by the way in which he opens his pulpit to any stray comer. He takes into his arms my man who comes to "save souls." He will be stung one of these times. I think I

have spoken of Mr Mackie before. Some day I will give you my candid opinion about Dunedin parsons. Mr Mackie and Dr Stuart are opposites. Mr Mackie is a small-minded, many-just the sort of man who would not go to hear Mr Proctor lecture because all this talk about the infinity of worlds destroys the necessary belief in the literal Word. Some people, you know, have a notion that the sun is a ball about a foot in diameter, and that the moon and stars were thrown in for our amusement in a summer evening.

I hear there was a private meeting of a number of gentlemen the other day to urge on the Government the necessity of giving full compensation to Mr Conyers, who after all, perhaps did his best, and who met with an accident in the service.

OUR VICTORIAN LETTER.

OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION.

MELBOURNE, October 5.

Spite of contrary prophecies, the opening of the Exhibition was a great success, unmarked by the slightest mishap. The weather though not brilliant was at least not dusty. The display of troops and sailors was really very good and attracted much notice from the numerous foreign visitors. Inside the building, the scene as viewed from the Press gallery at the eastern end, was an extremely impressive one. The great organ, a credit to colonial workmanship, formed the most conspicuous feature, and the effect of the chorus—the lady singers with their white dresses with broad blue and cardinal sashes—was most effective. The dias beneath the dome on which the Governor stood to open the Exhibition was decorated in an extremely tasteful manner. The ladies of Melbourne, at all times famous for their good taste in dress, quite surpassed themselves on the occasion, and the ground floor of the Exhibition can best be compared to a garden of flowers in verdant summer beauty.

The spectacle, when the Governor entered the building, was one worthy of London or Paris. It must be confessed that both the Hon. W. J. Clarke, the President, and the Marquis of Normanby our Governor delivered their speeches in so low a tone of voice that with the exception of those seated in their immediate neighborhood the proceeding was a mere duffin' show; not a word could be heard; and those within the building first learnt what had been said an hour or two afterwards, in the columns of the evening papers. If the speeches were a comparative failure, the cantata on the other hand was all that could be wished. Our population is an exceedingly musical one, and the cantata was sang in a style which would do credit to the Crystal Palace or Exeter Hall. Of the words perhaps the less said the better. M. Caron's music, however, would, I am convinced have been favorably received in any European Opera House. Although somewhat lengthy, the cantata was listened to by a vast audience with rapt attention. At its conclusion, when M. Caron came forward to be congratulated by the Governor, loud and long applause ran through the building. As soon as the Governor had duly declared the Exhibition opened, there was a rush to the reception rooms, the resources of which proved totally inadequate to satisfy the requirements of the vast crowd which filled them to overflowing. Perambulating the building after the conclusion of the opening ceremony, I was much struck by the eager attention which was given by the visitors to the pictures and other objects of art in the galleries. In a colony like this where we are all more or less mixed up with trade and commerce, one would have naturally expected that the splendid industrial exhibits to be found in the British, French, German, and other courts, would have attracted most attention. This however was not the case; the industrial exhibits were comparatively deserted. On the other hand, as I have mentioned, the fine art galleries were quite inconveniently crowded. The explanation of this is not I think far to seek. Here in Melbourne we have only to walk any day of the week down our principal streets and in the windows of the shops all the most admirable products of the manufactures of Europe can be seen. Pictures, however, such as those displayed on the walls of the Exhibition, have never hitherto been seen this side of the line.

The attendance on the opening day was by no means so numerous as might have been expected. The number of visitors present fell short by many thousands of those present at the Sydney Exhibition last year. This is in a great measure to be accounted for by the exceedingly defective arrangements made by our Commissioners, who appropriated all the best places for themselves and friends, a proceeding which the general public naturally resented by staying away. The Exhibition however promises to be a great success. I may mention that Sir Herbert Sandford, the British Commissioner, informed me that when he first visited the Exhibition, he was literally taken by surprise at the magnitude of the building and the splendid collection of exhibits from all parts of the globe which are to be seen within it. This opinion I know is shared by all our foreign visitors.

An Ilin-i Girl's Love-letter.—"Dear Will—Don't kum to see me any more for a whil enway. Fauther has got awfull skeered about burglars, and sets up every nite til late watching the back yard. He put more'n a pound led into Brown's nufunlan dog, which was cumming over the fence after a bone last nite.

"The rose is red, violet blue,
I wouldn't kum now if I was you."

THE TEMORA GOLDFIELD.

The special correspondent of *Town and Country*, writing on 30th ultimo of the above field, says:

Temora is a great fact. And that it will be permanent goldfield, no one who has had any auriferous experience will be inclined to deny. The workings now extend a distance of nearly eight miles, commencing from Courtney and Farly's claim, on the Cootamundra road, and ending at the workings down the flat beyond Mack and Greaves' cancelled improvement purchase. You have been so very well posted up by your correspondent on the field with the various finds that have been made, that it is not necessary for me to refer to them in detail here. The actual payable ground tested extends a distance of four miles, although it must be stated that all the claims in this distance are not payable. Many duffers have been sunk, but still good prospects have been obtained. From a careful investigation, it appears that there are between 80 and 90 claims on good payable gold. Others have obtained the upland in the vicinity, and most of those who have secured claims seem to think so well of the prospects, that they continue persistently sinking, with the view of thoroughly testing whether the yellow metal exists in their claims or not. Shepherding is going on to a certain extent, but not so largely as might be anticipated. As just previously stated the miners seem anxious to test the value of the field with the least possible delay.

Whether there is a defined lead or not, whether the run of gold is merely a succession of pockets, or whether there is more than one run, has not yet been determined, but probably soon will be if operations continue to be prosecuted as vigorously as at present by the miners. From the formation of the country, however, it is pretty certain that the gold, that has been obtained has come from the reefs on the surrounding rises, and that the precious deposits have not travelled far. Each succeeding find confirms this view, which has been held from the commencement of the rush by the more experienced miners. The so-called lead pursues a sinuous course, following the contour of the country, and if was at first thought that it might be the course of an old creek-bed, but this idea has been almost proved to demonstration to be erroneous.

From this inspection of the field your reporter has no reason to change the views previously expressed in the *Town and Country Journal*, that the richest gold will be found in the flat beyond the lower township. Everything tends to confirm this opinion, which was not arrived at without careful investigation. It is not improbable that a congener of lead will be hereafter found in the locality in question. The first of the contingent of New Zealand miners, it may be mentioned, have taken up their quarters in this direction, and are resolved to give the ground a thorough trial. Some miners from Pleasant Creek—one of the best reefing districts in Victoria—have taken up one of the reefs on the Red Hill, which shows fair prospects; but this part of the subject I will defer till I write on the reefing capabilities of the district.

In connection with the proposal to float a public company to test some of the deeper ground at Temora, the following from the local *Herald* will be of interest, as showing the probable existence of deep and rich ground:—"Three distinct lines, the Red Hill, the Ironclad, and the Rise and Shine, have already been laid open and prospected. There are several reasons to believe that the true nature of the gold found in the claims at the foot of this ridge has not been discovered yet; but up to the present no real prospecting for reefs has taken place on any part of the goldfield. On the upper part of the diggings two extended claims and eight leases have been applied for, but very little *bona fide* work has been done on any of them. Messrs. Curry, Cross, and Appleton's extended claim it is proposed to form into a liability company under the style and title of the Amelia Gold Mining Company, with a capital of £10,000. The proprietors claim to have the Macpherson, Lady Mary, and Hidden Star lines of reef within their area. They have secured a machinery site about half way between the Upper and Middle Townships, and propose constructing a large dam without delay. The capital is almost subscribed to the full extent, and the floating of this company will no doubt initiate a new era in the history of this goldfield.

Steady work is proceeding all along the lines of leads, and the heaps of wash dirt are growing apace. At a very moderate computation, there are at least 100,000 loads at grass, which, estimated at only 5dwt per load, represent 25,000oz, or a capital of nearly £100,000 lying dormant.

The week has not gone by without its sensational incidents in the way of nuggets. Nugent and Adams, north of Maloney's prospecting claim, are again leading the van. The party are keeping their proceedings very secret, but enough has leaked out to state that during the past week they have picked out upwards of 300oz. In the adjoining claim, belonging to Keating and party, and Buckley and party also, heavy finds have been made, the former having washed 23oz from two dishes on Wednesday last, besides several other small nuggets, while the latter had an 8oz piece on Monday last.

Co-operation is one of the great questions that trouble our community at the present time, and although we have no wish to discourage the movement, it should command great consideration before expending hard-earned savings on what will more than likely prove a failure for want of support from the shareholders. To be a paying business it must be for cash payments. Two years ago a draper of Cromwell, with the intention of trying to educate the public into the great saving made by purchasing for cash, reduced his Stock of Drapery, Clothings, and Boots, and added that of Grocery, offering the same at fully six shillings in the £ less than the regular pieces. No co-operative store could do more, and yet this is only taken advantage of by the few, showing that when put to the test the people will not co-operate when it is a question of cash payments. W. TALBOYS, London House, Cromwell, is quite prepared to serve those who would co-operate in obtaining the best articles at the lowest prices.—[Advt.]

PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL

A 100-ounce nugget has been found at Temora.

The estimated cost of the new Property Tax Department is £26,418.

New Zealand milling oats are quoted in Melbourne at two shillings and eight pence.

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BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS.

BY CABLES [FROM DUNEDIN DAILY MAIL.]

LONDON, October 9.

The Cape Mounted Rifles, after a series of severe engagements, have dispersed the Basutos. The other tribes have become troublesome, and a rising among the Mohales is reported to be spreading. The Pondos and Galikos are also restless and turbulent.

Arrangements have been made for a match between Laycock and Hosmer, of Boston, on 2nd November. On the 13th inst. Laycock rows Hawdon, of Newcastle, for £200 a-side over the champion course.

Severe floods have occurred in Scotland, Midlothian and the midland counties were chiefly visited, and considerable damage was done to agricultural produce, farms, buildings, and works.

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A NORTH ISLAND TRIP.—No. II.

The next day I amused myself admiring the scenery, and resting preparatory to doing the remainder of the journey, about 60 miles. The Motu river, on whose banks I was now camped, is at this point about 1,500 feet above the level of the sea, and drains that part of the country between Opotiki and Poverty Bay. It flows into the Bay of Plenty east of Opotiki. Both below and above the fall the scenery is wonderfully fine. At the point where the bridge spans it, it narrows from about 100 yards to 20 feet, and comes tumbling down in three beautiful cascades, the last being the narrowest but not the finest to look at. To enjoy the view best, one has to climb down the cliff over which it runs and take a look at it from below. From the top fall to the bottom is over 100 feet, and to see the water dashing down in one mass of white foam, with the frame-work of a luxuriant growth on either side, is immense. Talking about ferns, I never saw anything like the fern growth. There is a small island, or rather gigantic boulder, standing at the foot of the fall, and when I climbed to the top of it I found the kidney-leaf fern growing as high as my waist, evidently caused by the never-ceasing spray of the fall.

On the following day, Friday, I again started on my journey. I had, previous to this, thought that I had never travelled over a worse road in my life, but it was nothing to what I had to tramp over this day. I had literally to force my way through the undergrowth, which was dripping wet, and was soaked through and through before I had gone a mile. The first three or four miles were along the banks of the river, which runs lazily along without a ripple, on the right hand of the track through a virgin forest, the boughs of the trees drooping into the water on either side. The scenery for the time made up for the disagreeable state of the road; but after leaving the river the road becomes worse and worse. At dusk I managed to get to a rough shelter at the edge of the bush, about 22 miles, and I found it very acceptable and dry. I contrived to light a fire with a few dry sticks, and made myself snug for the night.

The next morning was the first fine day I had since starting from Opotiki, but bitterly cold. My tramp this day was through fern country, and very uncomfortable I found it for my bare legs, and, as there was no track to speak of, I had to force my way through the fern. I managed to get over 15 miles by noon, and arrived at Cooper's out-station, a new place then building, where I got a good dinner, the first for five days. I was forced to remain here as the rivers were up, and they made me very uncomfortable in a rough sort of way. I rested that day and the next, and, as the rivers had by that time become fordable, I proceeded on my way. Sixteen miles more brought me to the road camp, my destination; but before getting

there I had to pass through some of the finest country to be seen in New Zealand, and what might be called virgin soil. It is only now that it is beginning to be occupied. As I approached the camp, signs of civilization began to make itself visible. First one homestead newly put up, then one with a fence, and so on until a charming little nook was reached, with a still more charming cottage nestled in it, and with a lady gardening in a flower garden (the first petticoat since I left Opotiki).

The next day I proceeded to Ormond, about 10 miles, and remained there for three days. Ormond is a charming place; 2,000 acres there would be the height of my ambition. I found several old friends there, who were very hospitable, and the new friends were liberal in invitations to me to stay with them, which I regretted I could not accept. Ormond is what might be called the garrison town of Poverty Bay; it is about 10 miles from the coast. Poverty Bay. If ever a misnomer was given by a discoverer it was the above name; but in justice to Captain Cook it must be said that the first impressions on landing at Gisborne or Turanganui are not favorable, for the township is built on a sandy soil, and the road is ankle deep in sand, leading out of it. The town is, however, nothing; it is in the country at the back that all interest lies, and once you get three miles out you soon see the difference—I never saw such grass as is on the Pututaki Plain, even at this time of the year—gardens scattered all over the place, and in summer abundance of fruit. Near the Bishop's place at Waiarangahaka it is a perfect paradise. This is the site of one of the fiercest pitch battles ever fought against the Maoris by the colonial troops; but when I saw it on the Queen's Birthday a very different contest was going on. The old battle-field was crowded with all the beauty and fashion of both races, and the excitement that had drawn them together in friendship was the annual race-meeting. It was amusing to see what swells the Natives and half-casts turn out on these occasions, and, as regards horse-flesh, quite eclipsing their white neighbors. I felt quite at home among so hospitable a community, and when the steamer arrived was sorry to take my departure.

After a fair run, we made Tauranga about midday. I remained there two days and then booked for Taupo in the coach. I was the only passenger, and we started early. I found it very cold.

Tauranga is situated on a promontory, and from it a plateau slopes gradually upwards till the horizon is closed by a belt of bush. A drive of about 11 miles, after passing over the site of the once celebrated Gate Pah, where our troops were so cut up, at last brought us to that belt, and to the first accommodation house on the road.

The place, or I should say township, as it is marked out for one, although it only now consists of an hotel and store, and a farm adjoining, is called Europa or Orote. Here we stopped for a few minutes to water the horses, and to admire the view. From here we had a perfect panorama before us. Tauranga Harbor and the coast line north and south could be taken in at almost one glance; and out to sea rose several islands, Major Island (the great barrier) famous for its green lake and mountainous mass; Motiti or Flat Island, and the nearest of all Karewa, a rocky islet, the home of the giant lizard, visited by me in 1873 to obtain specimens of the species; while on the right could be seen Whale Island, and under a white cloud of steam on the horizon lay White or Sulphur Island. The road through the bush was not of the best, and at a half-way stable we changed horses. On leaving the bush, through which we had been travelling the best of the day, the country opens out into a large basin, evidently at one time a large inland sea—even now the old margin of it can be traced by the peculiar water-worn formation of the hills, &c., that skirt it.

Lake Rotorua now comes in sight, and in the far distance can be seen a misty vapor, under which lies the township of Ohinemutu, the end of our first day's stage. From the centre of the lake springs the gracefully shaped island of Mokoia, the scene of the legend of the Maori Hero and Leander, made famous by Domett's poem of Ranolf and Amohia, and from points in the semi-circle, formed by the shore on our left from Ohinemutu to the Ngae, the old mission station; while jets of steam, like columns of white smoke, curl up out of the ground. The great geyser of Wai Whakarewarewa showed its locality far away by its dense eruption of steam, but which did not evince any signs of activity.

On a previous visit to it in '74 it gratified my curiosity, and was then well worth the ride from Tauranga to watch as it took leap after leap,

each time attaining greater height as if it was gaining impetus for a final effort, in which it shot a column of boiling water 30 or 40 feet high, then subsiding, leaving exposed to view the funnel sinking down through the top of a high cone, formed by a deposit made by the falling waters. The coach arrived at the lake about five in the evening, and, after a swim in the hot lake with several Natives of both sexes, who were disporting themselves like veritable mermen and mermaids, we sat down to a good dinner of pheasant and wild duck. The remainder of the evening until bed-time was spent in bathing and strolling about the settlement.

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